

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-35 are pending in the application, wherein claims 14 and 25 have been amended and new claims 30-35 have been added in order for Applicant to more particularly claim what he regards as his invention.

Claims 14 and 25 were amended to clarify that the disordered tissue comprises "one or more lesions" (*e.g.*, a single cold sore may include only a single lesion, while genital herpes, smallpox, or shingles typically include multiple lesions). The amendment to claims 14 and 25 accounts for both circumstances (*i.e.*, single and multiple lesions).

New claims 30-35 were added to claim the specific embodiment of treating herpes lesions in which the treatment composition is "applied while applying sufficient pressure to the disordered tissue so as to firmly compress the disordered tissue against bone, tooth, gum, or other tissue underlying the disordered tissue in order to assist penetration of the treatment composition into the disordered tissue". Applying pressure so as to compress disordered tissue against underlying tissue to assist penetration of the treatment composition is disclosed at page 15, ¶ [0046], page 18, ¶ [0053], pages 21-22, ¶ [0061], page 24, ¶ [0066] of the Application. To the best of Applicant's knowledge, no prior art reference teaches or suggests a method in which a treatment composition is applied to disordered tissue while applying sufficient pressure to compress (*e.g.*, flatten) the disordered tissue against underlying bone, tooth, gum or other tissue located behind the disordered tissue to assist penetration of the treatment composition.

Support for new claim 31 is found in original claim 15.

Support for new claim 32 is found at page 35, ¶¶ [0099] – [0100] of the Application.

Support for new claim 33 is found in original claim 5.

Support for new claim 34 is found at page 9, ¶ [0018] of the Application.

Support for new claim 35 is found at page 10, ¶ [0022] of the Application ("A finger may be used, of course..." though it is less preferred than using a sterile applicator).

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In the event that the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, or which may be overcome by an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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